Information is vital to preventing and treating cancer.

The Missouri Cancer Registry collects, analyzes and interprets information that is used in the fight against cancer.

The registry relies on health care providers throughout the state to report information about cancer cases in Missouri. This statewide database is used to determine the impact of cancer on Missourians and develop better ways to prevent and treat it.

Missouri Cancer Registry

Staff
The Missouri Cancer Registry has an experienced staff that includes Certified Tumor Registrars with hospital-based experience.

Advisory Board
The Missouri Cancer Registry Advisory Board is comprised of physicians, cancer registrars, hospital administrators, an epidemiologist and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services staff. The Advisory Board encourages hospitals and health professionals throughout Missouri to support and assist the Missouri Cancer Registry.

Training
For hospitals: The Missouri Cancer Registry provides on-site training and other educational workshops for hospital personnel who report cancer cases. For more information, call 1-800-392-2829 or 573-882-7775.

For non-hospital health care facilities: The Missouri Cancer Registry offers training for non-hospital personnel who report cancer cases. For more information, call 1-866-240-8809 or 573-884-2491.
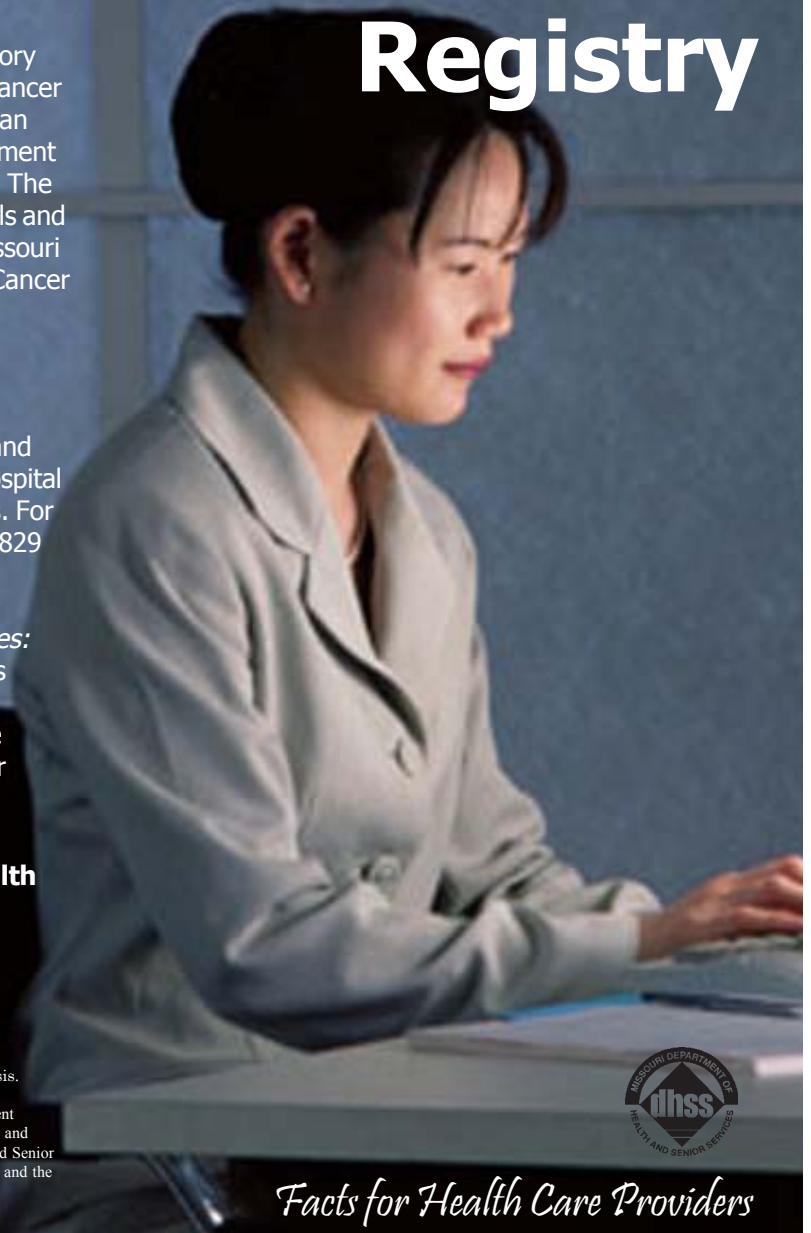
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Facts for Health Care Providers

Facts *about the Missouri Cancer Registry*

Who is required to report cancer cases?

Health care facilities including hospitals, pathology laboratories, ambulatory surgery centers, freestanding cancer clinics and treatment centers, long-term care facilities and physician offices are required by law to provide basic information about cancer cases in Missouri to the Missouri Cancer Registry.

What kind of information is collected?

* Patient demographics including age, gender, race, Hispanic origin, place of birth and residence
* Primary site of cancer
* Tumor histology
* Stage or extent of disease
* Treatment including surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, hormone or immunotherapy
* Current status of patient

When was the registry established?

The Missouri Cancer Registry was created in 1972 with approximately 12 hospitals voluntarily reporting cancer cases. A state law was approved in 1984 requiring the reporting of hospital inpatient cancer cases. In 1999, the law was expanded to include non-hospital health care facilities.

Where is the registry located?

The Missouri Cancer Registry is located in Columbia, Mo. The cancer registry program is under the direction of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, which contracts with the Center for Health Care Quality at the University of Missouri to operate the registry.

Why is it important to report cancer cases to the registry?

The Missouri Cancer Registry compiles information that is vital to the prevention and treatment of cancer. The data collected by the registry is used to determine the incidence of cancer in the state; conduct research and epidemiological studies; plan and evaluate public health initiatives; assess the quality of hospital programs and patient care; and set up cancer screening programs. Without complete and accurate data, it would be difficult to develop effective comprehensive cancer prevention and control programs.

Who can request information from the registry?

Registry data is available to the citizens of Missouri, including health care professionals, researchers and students.

How is confidentiality handled?

The Missouri Cancer Registry maintains strict confidentiality.

According to HIPAA privacy regulations, the Missouri Cancer Registry is a public health authority authorized by law to collect and receive information for the purpose of preventing and controlling disease, injury or disability.

A covered entity such as a hospital or physician's office can disclose information to the Missouri Cancer Registry without specific individual informed consent. However, the identities of patients or specific facilities are not released by the Missouri Cancer Registry without written consent from the individual or facility.

For more information about the Missouri Cancer Registry, call 1-800-392-2829 or visit http://mcr.umh.edu